

## NEW DEPT. LAUNCHED BY BUREAU

Five Men, With Jonas Cook as Chairman,  
Commissioned to Boost Development  
of Chickasha; Ordered to  
"Get Busy"

## GARDENS ON VACANT LOTS ARE PROPOSED

Principal Black of North School Has Plan  
and Co-operation is Promised; Changes  
in Board; "Aggie" Work in  
Good Shape

"Boosting" of the business kind will  
be revived in Chickasha in the im-  
mediate future if a new move that was  
launched at the meeting of the board  
of directors of the Commercial and  
Farm bureau last night bears the  
fruit that is expected of it.

When this bureau was organized it  
was designed to serve a dual purpose,  
one object being the promotion of bet-  
ter agriculture in the county and the  
other the development of Chickasha.  
Thus far it has occupied itself almost  
exclusively with the farm part of  
its program, believing that therein lay  
its best chance for "boosting" and  
building on a substantial basis.

Without letting up in its efforts to  
further the agricultural advancement  
of the county, the bureau now pro-  
poses to make a stronger effort to  
push the progress of Chickasha. With  
this end in view the board of direc-  
tors voted to establish what will be  
known as the Development Depart-  
ment of the bureau. Jonas Cook was  
selected to head the new department  
and four other men will be named  
by the acting president to serve  
with him. These five men will be  
commissioned to "go after everything  
in sight" for Chickasha and they are  
expected to "get busy" at once.

Among the first items to be tackled  
by the new department will be the  
matter of providing facilities for tak-  
ing care of more students at the col-  
lege next year. No definite steps in  
this direction have been taken but it  
is expected that some plans will be  
worked out after a conference with  
President Austin.

The board of directors also gave its  
approval to an idea advanced by Prin-  
cipal Black of the North school, who  
proposes to enlist the children of the  
city in the business of gardening on  
a large scale, making use of all the  
vacant lots in the city. The develop-  
ment department was instructed to  
take the matter in hand, working out  
the details and, if possible, carrying it  
to successful completion.

W. H. Gilkey, vice president of the  
board, presided over the meeting last  
night and will serve as the head of  
the organization till new officers are  
elected in May. Members present  
were M. E. Humphrey, L. C. Hutson,  
Jonas Cook, J. W. Kayser, Ben Mor-  
gan, Wm. Inman and Evans. To fill  
vacancies in the board the president  
appointed Orin Ashton, manager of  
the Apache Cotton Oil company; P.  
L. Wallace and W. H. Donahue, cas-  
hiers of the Oklahoma National bank.

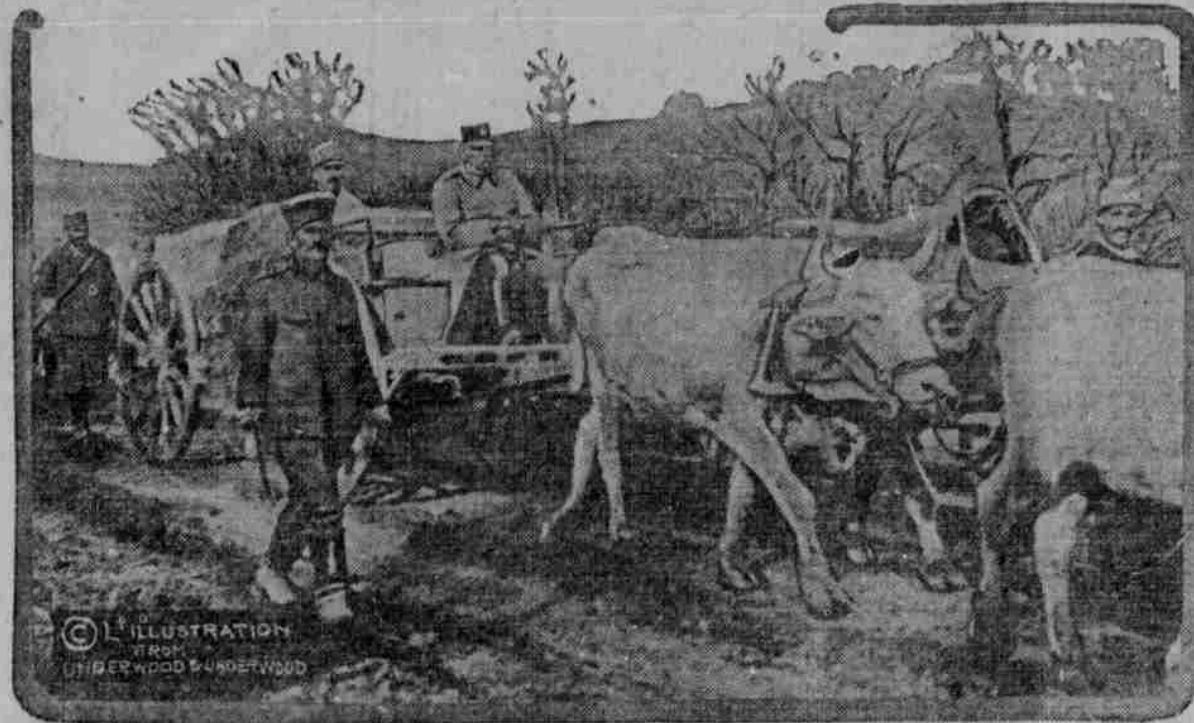
The matter of new quarters for the  
bureau was discussed, notice to vac-  
ate the present building on the ex-  
piration of the lease, about April 1,  
having been received. Mr. Gilkey and  
several others favored getting a build-  
ing where there would be enough  
space for a rest room for ladies con-  
ing from the country to shop in the  
city. Secretary Clark was instructed  
to get proposals for furnishing a  
building and submit the same at the  
next meeting.

County Agent Cooper made a brief  
report, showing the demonstration  
work is in good shape, with prospects  
for a successful season.

### DEATH OF MR. COWAN.

Choster Cowan left yesterday for  
Sapulpa, where he was called by the  
death of his father, James Cowan,  
who had been visiting there since Jan-  
uary 1. Burial was to occur today in  
Shawnee. James Cowan was 75  
years of age and had been a resident  
of Chickasha since 1897. He leaves  
a widow, five sons and two daughters.  
He was a member of the Methodist  
church and served on the union side  
in the civil war.

## KING PETER OF SERBIA GOING INTO EXILE



This remarkable and historical picture shows Peter, king of Serbia, seated on an ox-drawn cart, on his way out of the country for which he fought so bravely. The vehicle used as a royal coach had been an ammunition wagon.

## POISON PLOT IS ALLEGED

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—J. H. Doherty,  
manager of the University club, made  
charges today that Archbishop Mun-  
delein, Gov. Dunne and about one  
hundred other guests were delibera-  
tely poisoned Thursday night at the  
banquet that was given in honor of  
the archbishop.

Doherty declares it was the result  
of a club plot. He says the room of  
the assistant chef, who is now miss-  
ing contained an improvised labora-  
tory. A score of phials were found to  
contain poison and a quantity of un-  
archaic literature was also found.

The police and medical authorities  
say the poisoning was caused by  
potomine as a result of unsanitary  
conditions in the club kitchen. None  
of the guests suffered serious con-  
sequences.

## TEUTONIC IMPORTS CUT OFF

By United Press.  
ROME, Feb. 12.—The last gap in  
the ranks of the allies was closed  
by a decree issued by the Italian gov-  
ernment forbidding the importation  
of any products from Austria or Ger-  
many.

This decree was issued following the  
visit of Premier Briand of France,  
who conferred with the Italian foreign  
office.

Under ordinary circumstances this  
act of Italy would provoke an imme-  
diate declaration of war by Germany,  
but for financial and military reasons  
it is not believed that the Kaiser cares  
to enroll as one of Italy's open ene-  
mies.

## IMPROVING R. I. YARDS

Information, given out at the Rock  
Island office in Chickasha this morn-  
ing, shows that road has gone about  
putting the Chickasha yards on the  
map as among the best on the entire  
system.

Under direct charge of Division En-  
gineer Bradley, whose headquarters  
are now at El Reno, work of raising  
the grade in the Chickasha yards is  
now in full swing with an extra gang  
of from 110 to 125 men working at  
present and more to come.

Following the raising of the grades,  
new steel will be laid throughout the  
yards and many valuable improve-  
ments made on the trackage in the  
shops. The Chickasha yards are  
practically three miles in length and  
have 124 switches leading to the main  
lines at each end.

## PRISONER TAKES LEAP FROM TRAIN

Clyde Fowler Slips Hand from Shackles  
and Makes Exit from Window and  
Escapes But is Recaptured  
by Trainmen

Deputies Hugh Hogue and John  
Bailey returned this morning from  
McAlester where they turned over the  
Grady county recruits to the state pen-  
itentiary, six in number.

A spate of excitement was given  
the trip to the pen through the tem-  
porary escape from custody of Clyde  
Fowler, under two-year sentence for  
attempting to utter forged paper.

Fowler is a son of an Oklahoma  
City police officer, one of the most  
trusted men, it is said, on the city  
force. At Oklahoma City the father  
was at the Rock Island depot to see  
his convict son, to bid him goodbye  
and to urge him to profit by this les-  
son to become a better man and a  
good citizen when his term as a con-  
vict expires. It is said that the  
young man made the father the  
promise asked and that he demeaned  
himself as only a model prisoner could.

Such being the case, when Fowler  
asked permission of the deputies to  
retire for a few minutes to the toilet,  
he was suffered to do so, unaccom-  
panied by either of the officers. Hand-  
cuffed to Jess Williams, who was en-  
route to the pen to serve an 18  
months' sentence for assault to kill,  
Fowler and Williams entered the  
toilet. In a few minutes Williams re-  
turned, one of the cuffs about his  
wrist and the other dangling from its  
fellow.

Williams stated to the deputies, as  
they sprang to their feet upon seeing  
him alone, that Fowler had slipped  
his hand, which is said to be as sly  
and delicate as the hand of a wo-  
man, through the cuff, raised the win-  
dow and leaped from the coach just  
as the car cleared the bridge across  
the Canadian river. Williams stated  
that he thought the young man left  
the train on the bridge and that he  
had probably been killed.

At Holdenville wires were sent  
back in both directions and all train  
crews notified to look out for the es-  
caped convict. Later, at Calvin,  
Fowler boarded a freight train and  
was taken in custody by the conduc-  
tor and members of the train crew  
and turned over to the officers at  
Holdenville, from whence he was lat-  
ter conveyed to the pen.

In addition to charges said to be  
hanging over him at Oklahoma City,  
Fowler will have to face charges of  
escape from custody after he shall  
have served his present term in the  
pen.

### DEATH OF MRS. SIMPSON.

Mrs. Jennie Simpson died at her  
home near Norge at 11 o'clock Friday  
night at the age of 67 years. Mrs.  
Simpson is survived by five daughters  
and one son. The daughters are Mrs.  
Lazenby and Mrs. Miller of Mineral  
Wells, Tex.; Mrs. Bowersox of Ty-  
ron Okla.; Mrs. Evanson of Norge and  
Mrs. Thomas of Chickasha. J. S.  
Simpson of Brookville, Fla., is the son.

## MYSTERY EXPLAINED

By United Press.  
MADISON, Wis., Feb. 12.—The  
mystery surrounding the death of  
Marian Lambert, a school girl whose  
body was found in the woods near  
Waukegan, Ill., Thursday was solved  
today by William Orpet, a junior in  
the school of journalism of the Wis-  
consin university.

Orpet said the girl took poison a  
few minutes after he left her in the  
woods because she loved him and he  
told her that he was going to marry  
another girl.

After contending that he had not  
left Madison last week, Orpet told the  
police the story today. He was not  
arrested.

## FRANCHISE IS FURTHER DELAYED

There will be no meeting of the city  
council to consider the natural gas  
franchise question, as scheduled.

This morning Mayor Coffman was  
in communication with one of the  
principals of the proposed gas com-  
panies at Tulsa, talking with him over  
the long distance telephone. The party  
stated to Mayor Coffman that on ac-  
count of the illness of one of their  
number. It would be impossible for  
them to meet with the city council  
of Chickasha this evening.

The information was given Mayor  
Coffman that work was being prose-  
cuted in drafting the proposed fran-  
chise and that it would be properly  
drawn and ready for submission to  
the people of Chickasha within the  
next few days. The mayor will be  
notified in advance of the coming of  
the parties and will call the council  
together to meet and confer with  
them and to take such steps as may  
be found necessary in submitting the  
matter to the voters.

Mayor Coffman stated this morning  
that he felt that natural gas was now  
practically assured to Chickasha.  
"Chickasha," said the mayor, "is the  
only one of the larger cities in Okla-  
homa not already supplied with nat-  
ural gas. It means better, cleaner  
and a long shot cheaper fuel and the  
sooner we close the deal with this  
company, or some company, the better  
the citizens of the city, as a whole,  
will be pleased."

### FIRE THIS AFTERNOON.

An alarm, turned in at 2:25 o'clock  
this afternoon called the central fire  
department to 225 South Fourth  
street, the residence of John Potten-  
ger. The fire originated from a de-  
fective flue in the kitchen and the  
flames were burning merrily between  
the rafters when the firemen arrived.  
Quick and well directed efforts on the  
part of Chief Gattis and his men  
checked the flames after considerable  
damage was done.

Funeral services will be conducted at  
11 o'clock tomorrow morning from the  
family residence, two miles south of  
Urgo.

## Man on Streets Makes Foozle of Interview

(By GEO. H. WYATT.)

"Now," said Chief Phillips this  
morning, while speaking of the recent  
raids upon the joy riders and corner  
cutters, and smiling at the time one  
of those glib smiles, "I think after  
the manner in which you have been  
interviewing me and other members  
of the police force and talking about  
the joy drivers and the corner cutters,  
it would be no more than right for you to drop  
around and interview a few of the  
gentlemen who have been interview-  
ed by the mayor in the matters above  
alluded to—interviewed by the mayor  
while he posed as a rugged dispenser  
of justice, ready-made and delivered  
while you wait, to any and all joy  
riders."

The "Man on the Streets" demurred  
to the suggestion of the Big Chief. He  
said, by way of argument, favoring  
the sustaining of his demurrer that  
he did not believe the "culprits" cared  
to be interviewed. But the Big Chief  
overruled the demurrer with another  
of those smiles which, for childlike  
naughtiness had Bret Harte's heathen  
Chinee, beaten at the post.

"I assure you," said the Big Chief,  
"that every gentleman who has been  
liberal-minded enough to kick in,  
at Mayor Coffman's request, in the  
matter of helping a good thing along  
in the sum of five loaves will be glad  
to be interviewed."

Now, the Man on the Streets had  
a hunch that the Big Chief might be  
giving him a proper steer, although he  
doubted the smile of savvy and per-  
sonified urbanity which began under  
the chief's nose and lost itself behind  
either ear.

So, a little later in the day the Man  
on the Streets tip-toed into the sanctu-  
ary of a local money changer and,  
approaching him warily, stood at at-  
tention. Fortunately, perhaps, for at-  
tention, a fellow citizen of an ad-  
venturous turn of mind and an inquir-  
ing cast of features edged in between  
the Man on the Streets and the money  
wholesaler.

"Ben," asked the inquisitive one,  
"what might be one hundred bones  
worth for ninety days since the last  
five dollar episode with the mayor?"

The Man on the Streets hesitates to  
repeat the answer; to translate it;  
to even seek to give you an inkling  
of it. He will state, however, that in  
pursuing the various vocations which  
have connected him with meal tick-  
ets at different times and in differ-  
ent places on this mundane sphere,  
the Man on the Streets has handled

dynamite without flinching; has jaw-  
ed back to grass widders without bat-  
ting an eye; has scrapped with  
troublesome hoboes on side-door lim-  
iteds, over which he had charge, with-  
out showing the white feather, but  
this was one time he balked.

After having safely gotten out of  
the presence of the peeved individual,  
and out of hearing of his classical  
objurgations, the Man on the Streets  
sat down on one of those leather-  
cushioned chairs, kept out in the  
hall for use of the fatigued and un-  
wary, and carefully and minutely  
studied the tacks in his shoe heels for  
a full five minutes, in an effort to see  
whether the flow of oral vitriol had  
seriously corroded them.

The Big Chief approached, just as  
the shoe heel inspection came to an  
end.

"What did he say?" whispered the  
chief.

"Say," queried in turn the Man on  
the Streets, "do you want that individ-  
ual interviewed?"

"Well," parlayed the chief, "I sorter  
thought maybe your readers would  
like to know what he said and I was  
just handing you out a tip on the  
interview possibilities.

"Oh! you were, were you?" said  
the Man on the Streets. "Well, let  
me hand you a tip. If you know of  
any able-bodied, man-eating tigers  
around here, lead me to them, but if  
you want that man inside interviewed—  
listen, here's my tip—you hustle in  
there and pull off that interview  
stunt yourself. No, I don't think he is  
abnormally dangerous, but he is  
peeved. Yes, my supposition is, based  
upon chance remarks I heard him  
drop a moment or so ago, that he is  
considerably peeved!"

### Affidavit.

State of Oklahoma, county of  
Grady, ss. Witnesseth: Before me  
this day personally appeared the Man  
on the Streets and testified that all  
of the above is a wilful and chaste  
fabrication, and further deposes that  
Ben did on the day and date afore-  
mentioned appear before his ribs, the  
mayor of the said city of Chickasha,  
bearing one perfectly good check in  
his hand and wearing a broad smile  
on his countenance, remarking as he  
presented said check to said mayor,  
"That's the stuff, your honor, this  
jaying and speeding should be stop-  
ped; go to it." Subscribed and sworn  
to me this 12th day of February, 1916.  
A. Anybody, notary public. My com-  
mission expires Feb. 31, 1911. (Seal.)

## CATCH TWO WITH GOODS

On the same train boarded by J. J.  
Baxter and C. Hurst at El Reno at an  
early hour this morning, were Deputies  
Hugh Hogue and John Bailey,  
who were returning to Chickasha  
from McAlester where they had been  
to deliver a bunch of prisoners to the  
warden of the pen. When all parties  
detained at Chickasha the officers  
thought the grips of the above named  
gentlemen looked rather suspicious.  
Hence it was that grips and grip es-  
corts were taken into custody and  
carried jailward.

Search of the grips brought to light  
14 quarts of liquified disturbance, all  
corked and sealed and sparking in  
the electric light. A further search of  
the prisoners, personally conducted by  
Sheriff Bailey is said to have develop-  
ed the fact that each prisoner had  
"something on his hip." Awaiting a  
hearing on charges of transporting,  
Baxter and Hurst are at present oc-  
cupying quarters at the sumptuous jail  
of Grady county.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight, cloudy, colder wave, with  
temperature eighteen to twenty-four.  
Sunday, fair colder in east portion of  
southern Oklahoma.

### Local Temperature.

During twenty-four hours ending 8  
a. m. today:  
Maximum, 74 degrees.  
Minimum, 40 degrees.

## BIGGEST OIL BOOM IS PREDICTED

Wall Street Expert Declares Industry is  
Undergoing Legitimate Expansion;  
Standard Oil Securities Show  
Gain of 148 Millions

## CONSUMPTION IS CLOSE TO SUPPLY

Prospect Output Next Year Will Be Une-  
qual to Demand; Billion and Half  
Gallons of Gasoline are Used  
in Year

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The rising  
price of gasoline and other oils and  
dispatches from Washington indicat-  
ing that congress may take an active  
interest in conditions in the oil busi-  
ness, lend interest to William J.  
Smallwood's statement today of why  
he thinks the oil industry in this  
country is on the eve of the biggest legiti-  
mate boom in its history. Smallwood  
is oil expert for Carl H. Pferzheimer  
& Co., dealers in oil securities in Wall  
street. Smallwood bases his state-  
ment on the recent expansion in the  
oil business and the higher prices  
of gasoline. In two weeks recently  
the securities of the 36 Standard Oil  
companies appreciated over \$48,000,  
000 in value, due primarily to the sud-  
den improvement in the oil trade.

"Conditions in the oil trade are  
now very similar to those which pre-  
valled in 1912 and 1913, except that  
the use of petroleum products since  
that time has become more general,"  
asserted Smallwood. "The period fol-  
lowing the dissolution of the Standard  
Oil company in 1911, up to 1913 was  
more profitable than any previous  
time in the oil industry."

"The discovery of the most wonder-  
ful high grade oil pool ever known  
was made early 1914. This pool, which  
is known as the Cushing in Oklahoma  
fields, increased its output until a  
maximum of 300,000 barrels a day was  
reached, which meant that over 100,  
000,000 barrels a year had been added  
to the company's supply. The result  
was that crude oil prices went tum-  
bling, Oklahoma oil dropped from \$1.05  
to 40 cents a barrel."

"But the situation now is entirely  
changed from what it was a year ago  
Last year there was a flood of oil.  
Now the consumption is running so  
near the supply that not only have  
prices of crude oil, and in turn re-  
fined oil, greatly increased, but there  
is a danger that next year will see  
the output unequal to the demand."

Consumption is now running about  
a billion and a half gallons of gaso-  
line a year; next year the consump-  
tion will be near two billion gallons.

"To prepare for the expected big  
business in 1916 many of the Standard  
Oil companies are rushing additional  
and extensions to their plants. The  
Solar Refining company is building a  
\$1,000,000 addition at Lima, O., and  
this is only a two million dollar con-  
cern. Standard Oil of Indiana is in-  
creasing its capacity and when the  
improvements now under way are  
completed they will have cost several  
millions. So is the Standard Oil of  
Kansas extending its works. In fact,  
all of the oil companies are preparing  
for a boom this year."

"And the most gratifying feature  
of the oil situation is that its pros-  
perity does not depend on the war. In  
fact, increased business is likely to  
follow the close of the war. One of  
the very large consumers of petro-  
leum in the future will be the mer-  
chant marine and contracts have al-  
ready been made for the extensive  
use of fuel oil for transcontinental  
liners. The adoption of these con-  
tracts only awaits the culmination of  
the war."

### BERT JACKSON DEMANDS USURY LEGISLATION

According to legislative reports,  
Bert Jackson of Grady county is said  
to have joined the ranks of the insur-  
gents who have refused to tackle the  
election, or any other measure until  
after the senate and the house shall  
have gotten together on some legiti-  
mate anti-usury measure.